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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **RM-0**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION,
PROPOSITION 12, URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the enclosed Resolution delegating authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit an application for grant funds and negotiate a grant from the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Urban Forestry (UF) Grant Program, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The voters of California passed the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) on March 7, 2000. In Fiscal Year 2004-05, \$1.2 million is available for the UF Grant Program. Funds are to be awarded for urbanized areas, for costs associated with the purchase and planting of trees, and up to three years of care, which ensures the long-term viability of those trees.

Public Works is currently preparing an application requesting a maximum of \$50,000 to be used to plant trees in each of the five Supervisorial Districts.

The UF Grant Program requires the governing board of a local agency to adopt a resolution that authorizes the agency's designee to submit an application for grant funds and negotiate the grant contract with the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The enclosed Resolution will allow the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit an application for grant funds on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and negotiate a grant, if awarded by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

If the project application is successful in receiving grant funding, the grant agreement will be presented to your Board for approval.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Children and Families' Well-Being. These grant funds will be used to plant numerous trees to improve the environment; thus, enhancing the quality of life for families residing in Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The UF Grant Program provides reimbursement for eligible activities related to the purchase, planting, and up to three years of care for parkway trees. The project to be administered under this Program, should it be selected by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, will be included in the appropriate annual budget.

The UF Grant Program requires a 25 percent match, which may include in-kind services. The match will be provided by the Road fund, approved in our 2004-05 budget for Roadside Trees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Delegating authority to the Director, or his designee, to submit an application for grant funds and conduct negotiations on behalf of the County of Los Angeles with the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required by the funding agency.

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

If the grant application is successful, we will return to your Board for acceptance of the funds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Adoption of the enclosed Resolution does not constitute a project nor the approval of a project pursuant to Section 301 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. Consequently, the proposed action is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The appropriate environmental document or finding of categorical exemption will be prepared for the project at a later date.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES OR PROJECTS

There will be no negative impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Enclosed are three copies of the Resolution. Upon approval, please return two copies of the Resolution along with two approved copies of this letter to Public Works. The remaining copy is for your records.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING
THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
PROPOSITION 12 URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted Proposition 12, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Urban Forestry Programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and nonprofit organizations under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of an application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, if the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, hereinafter referred to as "PUBLIC WORKS," is selected for a grant award, PUBLIC WORKS will seek the Board of Supervisors' approval of an agreement with the State of California for the performance of the project as described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS is authorized to file an application for grant funds under the Proposition 12 Tree Planting program;
2. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project;
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of PUBLIC WORKS are available to begin the project;
4. Certifies that PUBLIC WORKS will expend grant funds prior to March 1, 2007; and
5. Authorizes the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to conduct negotiations on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, and, if a grant is awarded by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to submit to the Board of Supervisors the resulting grant agreement for Board approval.

The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy